
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.
 At this season of the year when Christmas is in the air, when every one is striving to make every one else happy, I desire to express my appreciation for a year of generous business and wish the iron band of fate to withhold every disappointment from my customers and implore the patron saint to visit you with a generous supply of prosperity.
 During the year I have kept a remarkably clean and complete stock of the best things in groceries, and my efforts have not been without reward. The volume of business has even surpassed my expectations and among my holiday resolutions is one to keep even a better stock if possible and use every laudable effort to double my business during the next year.
 I will make it to your interest to trade with me during the year 1904.
 With many wishes for a happy Christmas, I am yours most respectfully,
J. B. SMART,
 Nearest Grocery Store to the Postoffice.

Blank Books at Cut Prices.

We find that we are carrying too large a stock of blank books for the needs of this community and while this is the season when there is the greatest demand for them, we want to unload as much as possible before taking inventory. To make it an object for you to buy all your blank books here and now we will sell an item of this line in our stock at

ONE-THIRD OFF.

for the next fifteen days. Better look up your needs—present and prospective, and take advantage of this clearance sale to get blank books at rock-bottom prices.

F. J. RAMSEY, DRUGGIST.
 COR. MAIN AND CADDO
 'PHONE 30

Our business residence in Ardmore has been very brief, but during that short time we have formed many warm friendships in the city and enrolled many of your best people as customers. We extend to you the greetings of the season and wish for you a series of holidays whose pleasures shall be unalloyed. If you have work in the plumbing line to do we shall be glad to figure with you, assuring you that when we have done your work you shall have no cause for regret.
 20-5
COLEMAN PLUMBING CO.

A fine line of cigars for Christmas smoking at Kahn's. 20-5

Fresh line of midwinter millinery at Miss Russell Shinholzer's. 22-3

Matinee Friday Afternoon.
 "The Idlers," a society drama in four acts, by Marc B. Robbins, with Luella Morey as Margaret Albee, Christmas afternoon at 2:30 at the opera house.

Your best girl will never be disappointed when her Christmas remembrance comes from Kahn's. 20-5

I will sell you cakes for the holidays cheaper than you can bake them.
 20-5
J. H. SPEIGLE.

Miss Russell Shinholzer is conveniently located and well prepared to wait on the millinery customers. Call and see her. 22-3

Genuine china goods, either in open stock or sets—nice enough for a beautiful Christmas present or New Year's gift at
NOLAND & ROLLINS.

Kahn is the candy man. 20-5

All goods sold, engraved free of charge at
 18-4f
BULARD'S.

Finest Christmas boxes ever in the city at Kahn's. 20-5

Those handsome carving sets at Williams, Corhn & Co's. are an ideal Christmas present.

Something nice and good in vases, suitable for holiday presents at
NOLAND & ROLLINS.

Season's Greeting.

The most successful year of our engagement here in the photograph business is just drawing to a close. We wish to extend to each of our customers our heart-felt thanks for their patronage during this year and wish for them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We also extend an invitation to all our old as well as new customers to call at our studio and see the finest pictures known to the trade, the collodio carbon, which the art critics have failed to find any fault thereto. Remember the place, remember the name.
 20-5
COLE & JENKINS,
 Over Ardmore Nat'l Bank.

Go to Bulard's for diamonds. 18-4f
 Get Marston to put the pierce under your house. 25c a foot. 9-1m.

Our engraving department is prepared to do all your holiday work in faultless style.
NOLAND & ROLLINS.

The crown of holiday happiness consists in having your table supplied with an abundance of good things to eat. If you have not already made this provision for the holidays we are prepared to supply you with good, wholesome groceries. We extend thanks to our customers for their trade during the year and wish for them a merry Christmas. We would like to have a share of your trade during the year 1904.
 20-5
A. A. BAILEY.

Ardmore Nursery—phone 69. 24-1m

Those guns at Williams, Corhn & Co's. have been reduced in price until you won't miss the amount required to purchase. Come in and examine the stock.

Meeting of Elks.
 Regular meeting of Elk lodge will be held in Elk hall Friday evening at 8 o'clock.
A. W. DUNHAM, E. R. R. L. SANDERS, Sec.

The free dinner for the poor and Christmas tree will be given at 218 Main street by the Salvation Army.

ROBBED EXPRESS COMPANY.

Two Hendricks Brothers Got Away With \$300 at Scullen.

Late yesterday afternoon Deputy Bob Cummings came in with two men, W. M. and C. W. Hendricks, aged 19 and 21 years, who are brothers, and charged with robbing the Wells-Fargo Express company of \$300 at Scullen last Monday afternoon.

As the brothers marched up Main street with their legs shackled a sad look was discernable in their faces. From what we learn these two young men were standing around the express office at Scullen while the agent was either loading or unloading his wagon, and must have been looking for the agent to get hold of a package which they had seen before, for when he took up the \$300 package of money the two pounced upon him and by force took it away from him then made across the prairie to the timber.

The agent at once telegraphed to Ada for officers and Deputy Cummings and Brents just had time to catch the Flyer and were in Scullen in thirty-five minutes after the robbery was committed. They at once set out in the direction taken by the robbers and were not long in locating them. They were hiding in the woods and while they did not have the money on them they told where they are it and the \$300 was found.

The two defendants were taken before Commissioner Talbot at Ada where they did not deny the charge and were bound over in the sum of \$600 each.

While Deputy Cummings was on his way here yesterday, and while waiting in the depot at Madill for the next train for Ardmore, a man happened into the depot who knew the two brothers at Coalgate, where they lived. The boys had been away from home about eight days and were horrified to learn from their friend that their father died three days ago.

The oldest one of the boys, (C. W.) was sent to the penitentiary from here for horse stealing some years ago.

Any kind of rubber shoe you want can be found at Hamilton's Shoe Store.

Midnight Mass.

There will be mass services tonight at 12 o'clock at the Catholic church. Everybody invited to attend.

Rubbers! Rubbers!! Rubbers!!!
 Don't forget our new stock of rubber shoes.
HAMILTON & CO.

Assistant Attorney J. E. Humphrey is preparing the criminal docket for the spring term of court at Ada and Tishomingo. The Ada court will convene on the 15th of February and run two weeks, when the Tishomingo court will be taken up and last three weeks.

They have come at last. Those Edwin Clapp patent kid shoes.
HAMILTON & CO.

Fine Candies
 At the lowest prices at
 23-2
E. B. PUGH'S

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING

Good to Eat!

GO TO

Solomon's Bakery.

You must have

Fruit Cake

For Christmas. We have the finest ever made in Ardmore. Also a great variety of all kinds of cakes. Our stock of

Fine Candies

Can not be surpassed. We invite you to call and see our Christmas display of good things to eat by

SOLOMON,
 The Baker.

PERSONAL MENTION.

James Holland from Overbrook is in the city today.

W. F. Warren came down this morning from Hopewyn.

T. N. Sparks and wife are in the city from Tishomingo.

W. H. Norton was in the city this morning from Marietta.

Ed Hanway is spending the holidays with his parents in Dallas.

W. A. Morris is spending the day in the city from Marietta.

J. A. Franklin and wife of Illinois Bend were in the city last night.

Von Dollins is here from Muskogee to spend Christmas with his mother.

Deputy Cummings came over from Ada yesterday and left for home today.

Hon. W. M. Franklin, an attorney of Madill, is in the city en route to St. Jo, Texas.

W. R. Pardue, night operator at the Santa Fe office, went to Gainesville yesterday.

Miss Ora Selby is visiting her parents in Van Alstyne, Texas, during the holidays.

W. J. Newsum left today for Duke, Ok., where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

R. B. Henson left yesterday for Greenville, Texas, to spend the holidays with his father.

Mrs. Joe McFarlane of Lindsay is spending Christmas with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. Amanda Robinson is spending Christmas with Rev. C. M. Collins and family at Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Ed Noble and her son, Everett, have returned from Norman and will spend the holidays at home.

John Brisco, from Crum, Texas, is visiting Shelt Overstreet of Dixie, I. T., and P. R. Henson at this place.

Henry and Mrs. M. E. Thomas of Houston, Texas, mother and brother of Mrs. C. E. Slaughter, came in yesterday.

Attorney J. C. Graham left this afternoon for Parker county, Texas, where he will spend the holidays with relatives.

Hon. J. P. Aulen has just returned from a trip to South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

D. Noble and Willie Glenn came in yesterday afternoon from Lexington, Ok., and will spend the holidays with B. H. Smith and family.

Ex-Governor Stanley of Kansas, connected with the land office at Tishomingo, was a visitor at the residence of Joe F. Williams today.

Marshall B. H. Colbert and assistants returned from Fort Leavenworth where they conveyed several convicts from Pauls Valley and Purcell.

Miss Maud Davis of Sherman returned home yesterday after a two weeks' visit to the family of D. N. Butcher on Third avenue, northwest.

Billy Baldwin left this morning for Sherman to visit his father, whom he has not seen for fifteen years. He was accompanied by his brother, J. A. Baldwin.

Will Stewart of New York, formerly of this place and well known here, is in the city visiting his mother, Mrs. W. D. Tallaferrro, and other friends and relatives.

Misses Dallo Glenn and Bruce Agee of Lexington, Ok., arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. They will spend the holidays with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Smith, Ninth and B. northwest.

Mrs. C. P. Van Denberg will depart tomorrow for Wichita, Kan., to spend a portion of the holidays. Mr. Van Denberg is foreman of the grand jury and will be compelled to forego the pleasure of the holiday visit.

Mrs. H. A. Basham, Miss Anies Hoffman and James Doss of Shawnee came in yesterday on the Choctaw and are visiting the family of Dr. A. E. Adams. They will go to Lone Grove to spend Christmas and will return here to visit with Dr. Adams' family.

Farmers who are bringing wood to town now sell it strictly by the load instead of by the cord.

"The Idlers" Friday Afternoon.
 Eat your turkey and then go to the opera house and see Luella Morey in "The Idlers" at 2:30 Christmas afternoon.

The genuine honey-comb candy only at Kahn's. 22-3

Gold and gold-filled watches. Flat ware of the best grades. Seth Thomas clocks, rings and novelties at
 16-3
The Watchmaker.

Christmas Matinee.

The Morey Stock company will give a Christmas matinee at the Hudson opera house tomorrow afternoon at 2:30.

Judge and Mrs. John L. Galt are preparing to have a family Christmas tree at their home tonight. The tree is beautifully decorated and will contain presents for about twenty-five children in that immediate vicinity.



W. H. Gwyn.

R. S. Graham.

Christmas Foot Wear

is all right, so says Santa Claus, when it comes from Lynn's. His Shoes, Slippers, Etc., in point of style and durability, are unsurpassed, and in fit and comfort are unapproachable by any other. An Xmas gift of a pair of nice Shoes or elegant Slippers is sure to be appreciated and doubly so if the goods bear our name.

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 The best place in town to get the
 GENUINE
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 Meals at all hours.
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To buy medium or small-sized from safe.

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Seven-room dwelling, good location, McLaugh avenue and Scott street, S. W.
 Four-room dwelling, barn, storm house, Eighth avenue and B street, N. E.

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 Real Estate, Rents, Loans.
 Phone 121. **ARDMORE, I. T.**

Xmas Present For Men Only

A box of "ELDO" CIGARS cost but \$2.00 and will be a nice present for your friend. It is made at home and is the BEST. For sale at all Cigar stores.

Factory 216 Main Street

The "Katy" Girl

A beautiful picture in colors (without advertising) on plate paper, suitable for framing. Makes an appropriate holiday gift.

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 420 B Street N. W. Phone 310.



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